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SUBJECT: ZACCAGNINI FAILS TO SHOW UP AT IMPORTANT MEETING IN  
PALERMO

1. DC NATIONAL SECRETARY BENIGNO ZACCAGNINI FAILED TO SHOW UP IN  
PALERMO AT A GATHERING OF DC LEADERS AND CADRES FROM ALL OVER THE  
ISLAND ON DECEMBER 21. OFFICIAL REASON ADDUCED WAS THAT AIR STRIKE  
HELD HIM IN ROME. HOWEVER, DISAPPOINTED DC DELEGATES --  
RATHER NUMEROUS -- DID NOT BELIEVE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION. SOME  
GOSSIPED ABOUT MORE PRESSING "IMPEGNI" IN CONNECTION WITH CURRENT  
MONTEDISON DIFFICULTIES AND CONCERN OVER FANFANI'S POLITICAL  
CHALLENGE.

2. NEVERTHELESS, ZACCAGNINI HAD HIS SPEECH READ BY SICILY'S DC  
REGIONAL SECRETARY. THE SPEECH FOCUSED ON THE MEZZOGIORNO ISSUE  
BUT IGNORED THE MORE IMPORTANT "LEGISLATIVE PACT" NOW IN OPERATION  
BETWEEN THE RULING CENTER-LEFT REGIONAL COALITION AND THE  
COMMUNISTS.

3. THIS OVERSIGHT GENERATED TWO DIFFERENT OPINIONS: A CONSERVATIVE  
OBSERVER COMMENTED THAT THE LEGISLATIVE PACT OF SICILY IS TOO RADICAL  
FOR ROME TO ENDORSE AT THIS MOMENT. ZACCAGNINI'S SYMPATHIZERS  
JUSTIFIED HIS SILENCE ON THE ISSUE AS REFLECTING ROME'S PREFERENCE  
FOR SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES OVER LOCAL LEGISLATIVE MANOUVERING.

4. ON THE WHOLE, SUNDAY'S EVENT PRODUCED UNEASINESS FOR ALL  
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